

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/714,619 Confirmation No.: 5426  
Applicant : Harold P. Mintz  
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For : METHOD OF OPERATING A VENTURE BUSINESS  
TC/Art Unit : 3624  
Examiner : Lalita M. Hamilton  
Docket No. : 12763  
Customer No.: 25570

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action of March 6, 2006, in the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.